

A MODERN CHURCH.

It Will Seat 275 People and Cost About Four Thousand Dollars.

Modern church architecture partakes in a measure of the spirit of other modern architecture. There is less of conservatism, there is a general desire to improve the details of the requirements of the problem without reference to what has been done before. The start in this direction was slow. It was like all other movements from the old things—there was a good deal of resistance.

At one time there was opposition to the building of church rooms. Even music, particularly instrumental, was thought to be something which should not be tolerated. The change in church floor plans originally met with a good deal of opposition.



FRONT ELEVATION.

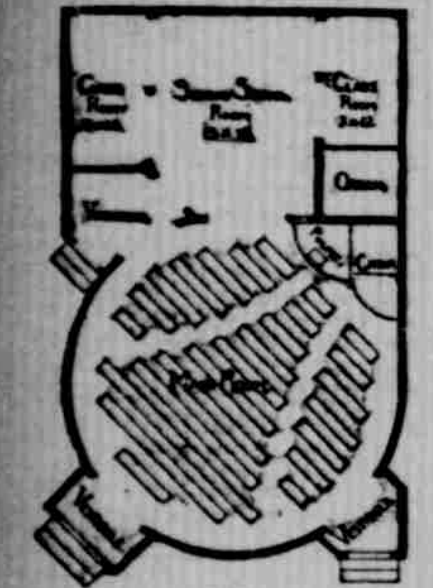
People did not like to worship in a room which was different from the old room. When the pews gave way to open chairs and the old cathedral plan to one better adapted to the requirements of hearing and seeing, there were those who said that the church idea was being debased. It was said that the planning of churches which give all the qualities of the inside of a theater was altogether out of the way.

In truth, as we all know, a theater is a commercial venture. It is arranged so that the largest number of people can hear and see all that goes on in front of them. The theater building is arranged so as to contain the largest possible number of people in comfort. If they cannot see and hear well, the theater is a failure; people will not go to it or they will only go once and leave the others vacant. People who are interested in theaters have worked out plans which meet all of the objections caused by bad or uncomfortable seats on a commercial basis. What better is there for the people who build churches than to profit by the work and experimenting in accommodating large numbers of people at a moderate cost. There is no occasion for new experiments in these lines.

Here is a plan of a church, the idea of which is taken from the paragon of a theater. The stage is left off, of course, because there is no need for it, but in the part where the stage would be there is a small space arranged for pulpit and choir, and back of them, and to one side, is the organ. The seating part of the room only has any resemblance to the theater plan; certainly the general appearance is different—the wall decorations, the form of the room, its vestibules give it a character of its own.

Generally church buildings are square on the outside because they have been made so before. This is true even if the circular plan of seating is adopted on the inside. A rational development of a church plan suggests that the exterior conform reasonably to the interior arrangement. In the plan given we have this. We have a circular plan on the inside, and truthfully and naturally we show the same plan on the outside, then which nothing can be more satisfactory.

Certain vestibules are needed. They are placed where they serve their purpose best. It is not a question as to how vestibules have been built before, but rather as to



low vestibules should be built to best serve their purpose for this particular plan. Thus it is that we have two which enter the main room only, and we have one other which goes to the Sunday school room, as well as to the main room. As the church is planned, it is only thirty feet in diameter, and with seats arranged around the wall will accommodate about 200 people. The Sunday school room seats 100. About three-fourths of the people in the Sunday school room can see the pulpit when the screen between them is lifted, so that altogether this building would accommodate a congregation of about 275.

There is a great deal of misinformation on the seating capacity of churches. In every community there are large buildings which are supposed to seat five, six or seven hundred people. This statement is generally made without knowing their actual capacity. A count will generally show that they are overrated from 25 to 50 per cent.

In case only 200 people are in the church it is certainly better to fill the room than it would be to have a hundred or more vacant seats. It is much more satisfactory to preach to a full house, even when the capacity is limited, than to a certain number of empty seats. In a plan of this kind the Sunday school room can be used in connection with the large room and furnish quite as good accommodation for the participants in the service as would the extra space and capacity in the main room.

A plan of this kind is quite elastic, and a few feet additional width and length would add materially to the seating capacity without more than would be represented by the actual surface feet added to the structure. The cost of this building will be between \$3,000 and \$4,000 if constructed substantially of wood. LOUIS H. GIBSON.

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